

IAC STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

STATUS REPORT

22 January 1957

(Note: Asterisk (\*) indicates the items to be discussed at the meeting at 2 p.m., Tuesday, 29 January 1957)

I. EXCHANGE VISITS

A. General

1. US Policy. There has been no announced change in the Department of State policy toward exchanges since the 4 December meeting of the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges.

\*2. Briefing and Debriefing Procedures. A second draft of the Briefing and Debriefing paper has been prepared. In this draft an attempt was made to include suggestions put forward at the 4 December Committee meeting and in subsequent discussions. An attempt has been made to make the paper the SOP for the briefings and debriefings in connection with the exchange program. This is in compliance with the agreed position of the Committee as expressed at the 4 December meeting. Further discussions should take place at the 29 January meeting.

B. Technical, Industrial and Agricultural

\*T23. Polish Coal. The Department of State is talking to the Poles about an exchange of Coal Mining Delegations and has requested a statement of net intelligence advantage and USSR itinerary suggestions from the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges. The National Coal Association has agreed to sponsor the exchange and arrange the US itinerary. In order that the Committee may comply with the request, the Solid Fuels Branch in ORR was asked to prepare a statement which can be the basis for discussion at the 29 January meeting. This method of action was chosen because no existing subcommittee has the expertness and because there is a history of Committee pronouncements on Satellite exchanges in general. It seems most logical then to have the IAC Standing Committee assume direct responsibility for formulating the answer to the Department of State. The ORR/CIA statement is being distributed with this Status Report so that each member can have the opportunity to consult his own specialists prior to the Committee meeting.

\*T38. Polish and Czech Steel Industry. The Department of State is exploring the possibility of an exchange with Poland and Czechoslovakia involving the respective steel industries. The American Iron and Steel Institute is being asked to act as the US sponsor. The IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges has been asked for a statement of net intelligence advantage and itinerary advice. Since the decision involves several IAC Standing Committee pronouncements, it was felt that the Committee should take direct responsibility for the reply to the Department of State request. To facilitate the reply, the appropriate ORR branch has prepared a draft statement which can provide a basis for consideration. A copy is distributed with the report so that members will have an opportunity to consult their specialists prior to the 29 January meeting.